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## COMMENCEMENT DAY AT FANWOOD

New York School for the Deaf Closes 116th Year on Friday, June 15th

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Graduation Exercises of the New York School for the Deaf (Fanwood) will be held on Friday, June 15th.

There will be exhibits of the pupils handiwork in the various Vocational Departments, until the time for Graduation Exercises at three o'clock, the program of which will be as follows:—

1. Salute to the Colors.
2. Invocation.
3. Address by the President.
4. Salutatory Address, Louis Johnson.

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

The Class of 1934 bids you welcome.

As the time arrives for us to leave the place that has been our home for more than two-thirds of each year during our school life, we cannot help but feel a bit sentimental. During the years spent here we knew that we loved our school, but the full extent of that love is not truly realized until the time arrives for us to depart. And that is another lesson added to the many that we have learned here: that to be successful, we must move ahead.

5. Valedictory Address, Myroslawa Mazur.

*Major London, President of the Board of Directors, and Members of the Board:*

In behalf of the Class of 1934, I wish to extend our sincerest thanks to each and all of you for your interest in the welfare of the pupils here, and the improvement in both the academic and vocational departments.

We are very sorry to leave your wise management over us, but we would be more sorry if we were to go out into the stern world without the benefits which we have received from you. We shall always keep you in mind, and seek to repay you by making ourselves worthwhile citizens.

*To our dear Superintendent:*

Although you have been with us for only two short years, yet under your kind and understanding care, we feel that we have greatly improved in many ways here.

May good health be with you throughout your life and may the deaf be profited by being under your superintendency. Farewell.

*Dear Principals and Teachers:*

We, the Class of 1934, find it very difficult to find words to express our appreciation for your understanding and cheerfulness while guiding us through the various difficulties which have beset our way from childhood up to now.

We thank you not only because you have delivered us from a state of ignorance, but because you put away sorrow from our parents' hearts and put in its place confidence that we shall be able to do things independently. We will remember you and will try to live up to the principles of character which you have instilled in us. Adieu.

*To the Graduating Class of '34:*

Now it is time for us to leave here and start a new life. Since we are no longer under any care, pray, remember to do things that ought to be done. And above all things, remember our motto "Co-operation." Without it we cannot get along smoothly.

Times are hard, and it is even harder for us. Accept any position you may be offered, no matter if there is little money in it, as it may be your only chance. If we wish to hold a job, we must co-operate with our employers and fellow workers.

I wish you all the luck and happiness in the world. Goodbye.

6. Distribution of Certificates and Prizes.

7. "America," recited in signs by the Choir and sung by the audience.

Benediction.

Taps

Annual awards and prizes are as follows:—

The Ida Montgomery Testimonial, provided in fulfillment of the wishes of the late Benjamin Robert Winthrop, to be conferred upon such graduate pupils, who having become deaf prior to the age of fifteen years, shall, in the judgment of the Superintendent, have shown Marked Excellence in Studies, Character and Manual Skill, were awarded to William Reilly, Nettie Weiner, Joseph Nuch, Michael Cairano, Louis Balkoski, Louis Fucci, Sandy Tedesco, Lawrence McKeown, Ethel Koplowitz and Alma Smith.

The Testimonial to be conferred every year in accordance with the terms of the bequest to the School by the late Harriet Stoner, upon such pupil in this School as has not acquired any knowledge through the ear and at the time of graduation shall be found to have attained the highest comparative excellence in character and study, was awarded to Walter Shafran.

The Holbrook Gold Medal, for the highest excellence in all the studies pursued in the High Class, was awarded to Myroslawa Mazur.

The Harriette Taber Memorial Prize, to be conferred annually upon the girl graduate who has shown the greatest improvement in the use of speech and speech reading, both in and out of school, was awarded to Madeline Szernetz.

The Eliza Mott Prize for improvement in character was awarded to Harry Hirson.

### VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The prize for Shirtmaking was awarded to Esther Green.

The prize for Dressmaking Art was awarded to Sylvia Auerbach. This was a gold thimble donated by Mrs. Robert Nicol, Honorary Chairman of the Ladies Committee.

The prize for Plain Sewing was awarded to Gertrude Walker.

The prize for proficiency in Housekeeping was awarded to Sylvia Auerbach.

The prizes for speed and accuracy in Type-writing were awarded to Sylvia Auerbach and Clara Hermann.

The prizes for proficiency in Cooking were awarded to Myroslawa Mazur, Clara Hermann, Madeline Szernetz and Josephine Scarito. Lawrence McKeown of Boys Class.

The prize for General Excellence and helpfulness in sewing was awarded to Mercedes Nordman.

The prize for excellence in Millinery was awarded to Ethel Koplowitz.

Prizes were given to the pupils of each division. For general excellence, punctuality, good conduct and marked improvement in Printing work.

- 1st Grade—Louis Johnson
- 2d Grade—James LaSala
- 3d Grade—Abe M. Colonos.

For general excellence and marked improvement in Sign Painting and General Painting

### GROUP I

- 1st Grade—William Stupfer
- 2d Grade—Stephen Kriklywi
- 3d Grade—Frank Christiano

### GROUP II

- 1st Grade—John Coffey
- 2d Grade—William Shaw
- 3d Grade—George Armstrong

For general excellence, marked improvement and good conduct in Carpentry and Cabinet Making.

### GROUP I

- 1st Grade—Albert Capocci
- 2d Grade—Edward Soltis
- 3d Grade—Jerry Durso

### GROUP II

- 1st Grade—William Reilly
- 2d Grade—William Haviluk
- 3d Grade—Dominick Rullo

For Good conduct and marked improvement in elementary woodwork.

GROUP I—Thomas Parisi

GROUP II—Raymond Jackson

From the interest from the bequest made to this School by the late Madame Jumel, the following were awarded prizes in the Department of Art:—

General Art Ability—Myroslawa Mazur

Textile Design—Madeline Szernetz

Costume Design—Marion Danks

Commercial Art—William F. Stupfer

Mechanical Drawing—Joseph Stoller, Thomas Kolenda and Louis Balkoski.

Handicraft—Carl Lindfors, Minnie Fotia and Nettie Weltman.

The prize provided by the League of Elect Surds, the Fraternal Society of the Adult Deaf in the City of New York, to be conferred annually upon the pupil who, in the judgment of the Superintendent, has made the best progress in all departments during the year, was awarded to Sylvia Auerbach.

The Norbury Centennial Prize for improvement in character was awarded to Wesley A. Wilson.

The Alstyne Prize for General Excellence in Character and Perseverance in Well Doing was awarded to Eleanor Swenson.

The William H. Fogg Prize for General Excellence was awarded to Albert Capocci.

The Demilt Prize for Character and Scholarship was awarded to Louis Pacifico.

The Frizzell Prize for Unremitting Effort and Successful Attainment, whether in Language, Signs, Poetry or other studies embraced in the Intermediate Course was awarded to Milton Kelso.

The Carey Testimonial for Superiority in Character and Scholarship was awarded to Clara Hermann.

The Dennistoun Prize for Superiority in English Composition was awarded to Louis Johnson.

The Prize provided by the Manhattan Literary Association of Deaf-Mutes of New York City, to be conferred annually upon such pupil as shall have attained excellence in both the educational and printing departments, was awarded to Walter Shafran.

The Archibald D. Russell Gold Medals, for the highest proficiency in the School of the Soldier were awarded to Cadet Corporal William Haviluk "A" Company; Cadet Corporal William F. Stupfer, "B" Company and Cadet Amelio Scanippico, "C" Company.

The Superintendent's Gold Medal for the best Drill Officer was awarded to Cadet Lieutenant Sandy Tedesco.

The General George Moore Smith Medals for Marked Excellence in Military Drill were awarded to Cadet Lance Corporal Walter Gaska, and Cadet Donald Donahue, "A" Company; Cadet Color Sergeant John Kowalczyk and Cadet George Armstrong, "B" Company; Cadets Hugo Georgetti and Domonic LoBrutto, "C" Company.

The medal for General Excellence in Band and Field Music was awarded to Cadet Sergeant Louis Balkoski.

The Sanger Memorial Prize for Excellence in the Band was awarded to Cadet Corporal Vernon Safford.

The Fanwood Athletic Association Medal for the Best All-round Athlete was awarded to Michael Cairano.

The graduates are Sylvia Auerbach, Marion Danks, Palma Gallo, Alice Gates, Clara Hermann, Caroline Isaac, Ethel Koplowitz, Myroslawa Mazur, Eleanor Swenson, Alma Smith, Madeline Szernetz, and Nettie Weiner.

William Bartholomew, Louis Balkoski, Michael Cairano, Albert Capocci, Louis Fucci, Harry Hirson, Louis Johnson, Milton Kelso, George Luesing, Lawrence McKeown, Joseph Nuch, Louis Pacifico, William Reilly, Walter Shafran, Sandy Tedesco, and Wesley Wilson.



## PENNSYLVANIA

The marriage of Miss Thelma Walters to Mr. Henry Deibel, Jr., both of Wilkes-Barre, took place in St. Stephen's Rectory on April 28th, with the Rev. F. L. Flinchbaugh, D.D., officiating in the absence of the Rev. Warren M. Smaltz. The ceremony was private, and was a surprise to the many friends of the couple. They now reside at the home of the groom's parents. He is in business for himself as a printer and at present is enjoying a large volume of new orders. Both were educated at the Mt. Airy school.

After being so seriously ill with pneumonia that his life was nearly despaired of, Calvin George, Jr., the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin F. George of Wilkes-Barre, is now well on the road to complete recovery.

There will be a social at the Hazleton Club for the Deaf on Saturday, June 16th. Clarence Reinmiller will be in charge.

Mrs. Salvatore M. Joseph of Hazleton, with her two children, has been spending two weeks in Reading as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Goldberg. Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg motored to Hazleton on May 27th, and brought the Josephs with them to Reading.

By the time this gets into print, the party which the Hazleton boys have been planning in honor of the Rev. Franklin C. Smielau will be all over, and so his surprise will not be spoiled. Rev. Mr. Smielau is taking a number of services for the Rev. Warren M. Smaltz during June, including services at Erie, Oil City, Williamsport, Hazleton, Pottsville, Allentown, Reading, and Lebanon.

Mrs. John C. Myers, of Lancaster, was a visitor in Shamokin for a week, where she was the guest of relatives. She attended the services of the silent mission there on May 26th, in company with her sister and niece. She also attended the commencement exercises at the Bloomsburg State Teacher's College, where another niece was graduated. She returned to Lancaster on May 27th.

A bouncing baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando J. Schooley, of Peckville, on April 23d. They have another child, a six-year-old daughter.

The Scranton Frats will have a "Sport Social" on June 23d, with Sydney Armfield in charge. Their "Fraternity Social" on May 26th was only a fair success.

Miss Ella Webb, of Avoca, was the guest for nearly a week of Miss Mary Jones at Scranton. She returned home on May 24th.

Mrs. Charles L. Clark, of Scranton, was a visitor in Philadelphia during the week of May 20th. While there, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Smith.

After seventeen days in the Williamsport City Hospital, where she underwent a major operation, Mrs. Harry L. Coulston of Nisbet, is home again. Her health is very much improved.

Except for a period of W. C. A. work, Henry L. Coulston, of Nisbet had not been employed at his trade as a carpenter in a period of four years. Now he is employed full time, and at present is engaged in remodelling a theatre at Newberry into a new Atlantic and Pacific chain store.

The condition of Mrs. J. H. Eigenbrodt of Williamsport, who had been ailing for some time with high blood pressure, is now greatly improved. She attended the Communion services in that city on May 25th.

After four years of unemployment, George M. Ponnsmith, of Williamsport, is now working five days a week. He works in a clothing factory which specializes in the manufacture of postmen's uniforms.

Benjamin, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Berger of Williamsport, has been suffering

from an infected foot for the past month. But he has been anxious to graduate from the local high school, and to the end he has been attending classes with the help of crutches. He will probably graduate on June 13th.

J. H. Eigenbrodt, of Williamsport, underwent a minor operation on May 5th, for the removal of a gland from his throat. Except for a few days of weakness that followed, he is in the best of health again.

J. Lynn Felter is home again at Duboistown. He now works at the Minnequa Club, Inc., which is situated on the bank of the beautiful Susquehanna River. The club caters to those who like to dance, row, swim, and play baseball. Felter is still pitching ball for a local team, and will be remembered as a one-time football star at Mt. Airy.

After having resided with the Harry L. Coulstons for nearly a year, Hartley Davis is now living in Williamsport, where he recently secured a job at his trade as a painter.

Miss Margaret Renn, of Rome, Georgia, the eighteen-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fahnestock, of Muncy, has taken up permanent residence with her grand parents.

Only a dyed-in-the-wool fisherman can sympathize adequately with genial "Gus" Fahnestock's recent experience. Because his tailoring shop kept him too busy, he was unable to accompany his son-in-law on a fishing expedition. As if that was not sufficient, the party returned home with 39 trout, one of them a real sockdolager brown trout measuring 17 inches. Poor Gus! But he and the Rev. Warren Smaltz hope to don their waders soon and try some of those famed Lycoming County streams.

By this time Pennsylvanians are all aware the Rev. Warren Smaltz is driving a new Ford V8. His old Buick had become a familiar object in scores of the state's larger cities. But in the latter part of May it broke down. And little wonder. It had carried him over 42,000 miles in 1933 alone. But because it broke down, the clergyman missed a few of his appointments, including one at Williamsport. Whereupon the local clergyman at Christ Church decided to substitute, and with the help of an interpreter conducted the service for the deaf that day. The whole story was featured on the front page of *Grit*, a Williamsport newspaper, together with a picture of the silent congregation.

Up at Ridgway, Lester Mathers is in business for himself as a paper-hanger and interior decorator. Just at present business is so brisk that he cannot catch up with his work. Recently he had John Johnston, of Franklin, up with him for two weeks to help with the rush of work. And now he has George Kelly, of Oil City, to the same end.

With an experience at his trade of more than 30 years, Mathers is a highly skilled craftsman, and is widely known. Doubt it? Then just go to St. Mary's, or Johnsonburgh, or even to Kane, which is 22 miles from Ridgway, and ask anyone for the way to "deafy's" home, and you will receive explicit directions to his place of business! At least, you would have until recently, when he moved to a better location in the heart of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Granahan, Miss Kathleen Schmidt, and Messrs. Theodore Arens and Angelo Picheco, all of Erie; and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Shoup of Franklin, Mrs. Austa Colegrove of Franklin, and Mrs. Audley Pitzer of Freedom, were all the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hogenmiller on their farm at Emlenton on May 20th. Returning home, the Erie folks topped at Oil City to call upon Mrs. Leone Schoch.

Miss Ruth Ramsey, of Sharon, and Mr. Joseph Kunze of Youngstown, Ohio, were the guests of Mrs. Leone Schoch at Oil City last month.

Paul Renninger, of Oil City, spent three days on the farm of James H. Green at Franklin, May 16 to 18th, inclusive, and assisted with the spring planting.

And Mrs. Austa Colegrove spent a week with the Albert Hogenmiller on their farm during the first part of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Canon, of Stoneboro, entertained the Alexander Shoups of Franklin at dinner and supper recently. And Alex admits that a large dairy farm is a very interesting proposition, indeed. Mr. Canon serves a milk route daily.

That teachers of the deaf have a Greek letter sorority may be news to many. The following is quoted from the *Pittsburgh Press* of May 11th:—

Nu Iota Sigma, national sorority for teachers of the deaf, will sponsor a conference tomorrow and Sunday in Pittsburgh to further the work of teachers of the deaf.

The conference will open with a luncheon tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Manning, Swissvale Avenue. Mrs. Manning is superintendent of the school and both are honorary members of the sorority. Saturday evening a banquet will be held at the College Club.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Davies will give a breakfast in honor of the guests Sunday. Mrs. Davies is principal of the school. Miss Rhoda Olds is general chairman of the conference.

## Florida Flashes

The Dixie Home for Aged Deaf, situated at Moultrie, Fla., was bought for \$6,000.00, and formally opened in October, 1931. It was erected many years before and the valuable furnishings installed then are still intact. Aged men and women, who live in their own communal home on a hilltop estate, are the guests of the Dixie Association of the Deaf, which maintains the place. They are supported by direct contribution of the association, but the home is not yet self-supporting. The home spends approximately \$60 monthly. Because of the rapid growth of the haven, either additional buildings will have to be built to accommodate the residents as fast as funds become available, or admittance will of necessity be limited. The following list of home residents includes: Mrs. Dillie B. Heyman, Miss Ada Eason, Miss Annie S. Hamner, Miss Martha Banks, Alfred Hubbell, Mrs. Lizzie Strickland, Clem Parrot and Guy Carter.

Miss Vina Smith and Gracie R. Davis, Mrs. Frank E. Philpott and the writer, motored May 19th from St. Cloud to Gainesville for a three-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kelly. The next day Mr. Philpott preached to an optience of nine residents and visitors, the text being selected from I John 1:8-9. Another service was held at the home of Mr. Dan Carlton in Island Grove, the sermon being based on Romans 13:7.

Chicken dinners, for which the Methodists are known to have a great liking, were served Sunday noon and evening, one prepared across the street and the other by the hostess. The latter's culinary art, greatly praised by those who have sampled it, is exceeded by few peers and no superiors. The guests enjoyed every minute of their stay and expressed much reluctance when they had to return home Monday. Four years ago on June 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were married, the writer joining them in holy matrimony. They are very popular in Gainesville and prove themselves a valuable asset to the community in which they live.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Coate, of St. Cloud, were not publicized in a list of St. Cloud visitors to St. Petersburg last April through the inadvertence of the correspondent. To say that they enjoyed their trip greatly is to be putting it mildly. The first impressions of St. Petersburg as a residential and recreational section which they obtained will be as lasting as they live. Agricultural possibilities through which they traversed amazed them, for on every hand they beheld much of the productivity of soil and the diversification of crops.

Deaf people planning to move to Michigan may find it difficult to secure accident insurance on their cars there, according to John P. Maupin, of Lansing, Mich., a former resident of Winter Haven.

The last party of the winter series for the benefit of the Dixie Home was successfully engineered by the Jacksonville D. A. D. Chapter on May 12th. Forty-four deaf people, some ten of whom traveling from out of the city, attended the silent movies and other features of the evening.

Owing to the uncertainty of employment in Florida along the line of his occupation, Leon P. Jones left DeLand last May for Washington, D. C., accompanied by Mrs. Jones and daughter Doris, via his trusty flyver. It is understood that Mr. Jones has accepted a government position. For years he has been a linotype operator-machinist, and has worked in a number of cities in this state. The many friends of the popular couple will learn with regret of their decision to locate elsewhere, but hope that with the return of prosperity they will be with us again.

Rev. Franklin C. Smielau will establish his headquarters in Tampa when his residential lease in St. Petersburg expires. He has been attending a business conference with a bishop in Cincinnati, filling church appointments and reminiscing at the Ohio reunion, during the month-end of May. It is understood he will return to Tampa in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mills are Sanford's first deaf citizens, it is believed. They have been living in Lake Mary for some time, and owing to distance they decided to move much nearer, where Mr. Mills is employed as a tonsorial artist. The happy couple received their education at the Georgia school.

If plans don't miscarry, Carl Holland will spend a greater part of the summer vacation with his father in Arkansas. It is probable that he will visit the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago and his brother at Akron enroute to Florida. Mr. Holland is one of the oldest employees at the St. Augustine school for the deaf, having been large boys' supervisor and military instructor since leaving his classroom for the last time.

Willard Kirby, best known and loved in Gainesville, has no depression to worry about. He is employed as utility man at one of the theatres and also as a fireman at a fire station, on pay only when big fires occur.

Dana Mitchel is trying his hand at buying and selling used cars in Tampa, and if his venture proves successful, he will launch his business on a large scale. A young man of Mr. Mitchell's intelligence and ambition is bound to make good in whatever line of work he may enter into.

For the information of the Florida Flashes readers, the Florida Mission for the Deaf wishes to announce the following schedule: Orlando on the first Sunday of each month, Jacksonville on the second Sunday, and Tampa on the last Sunday. On the other Sundays appointments will be made known by mail. St. Augustine and Moultrie are on the winter schedule. The continuity of the schedule hinges on the financial support the mission receives.

The matter of holding a big picnic on July 4th has been definitely settled. The committee in charge of the program, announcing Mac's Beach as the place between Lakeland and Auburndale, will advise the deaf by mail how to reach the beach. Lunches and drinks will be sold at popular prices, the net proceeds of which will be turned over to the Dixie Home. Ample shelter will be provided in case of rain. It seldom rains on July 4th, so let everybody, clothed in attractive attire and with a patriotic spirit, come to Mac's Beach have a glorious time and help a most worthy cause.

F. E. P.



## CHICAGO

Chicago's 1934 Century of Progress is the first world's fair in history to have a regular deaf guide, with uniform, salary, and everything.

The Fair administration has supplied headquarters at the north end, second floor of the General Exhibits building, where Deaf Guide Roger Crocker may be found every day starting at 10 A.M. That is near the 18th-Street entrance, best reached by trolley lines 18 and 23. Cross the bridge to the first (or north) entrance of the General Exhibits edifice; ascend to the second floor, and find Station 12, Pavilion 1. "There sign your name on the register, and a prize will be given to every 100th guest through the month of June," Crocker states.

Guide service is free. And, if you have ever tried to find your way through the eddying throngs in that huge area, decidedly time-saving. Crocker will direct you to any point, or any exhibit you name; or take parties on personally-conducted tours.

Rogers Crocker—who married recently—is an ambitious, well-educated young oralist of pleasing personality; a clean-cut type, and a credit to our clan. Last year he served as deaf guide with the Gray Line Tours, on a commission basis. Feeling his service did not reach enough deaf visitors, he applied for official appointment this year, and with the backing of most of Chicago's Deafdom's big shots, succeeded.

We deaf can be proud of our representative; and pleased that the Fair has recognized our importance by appointment of one of our own people.

(Later. I wasted a half-hour hunting it, June 3d. None of the guides seemed to know anything about it—the Fair is so huge. Finally stumbled on it by accident. Best way to find it is to hunt that thirty-feet high reproduction of the cover of the magazine, *Time*, showing President Roosevelt. Roosevelt's photo is looking directly at deaf headquarters. Second floor.)

Chi-oral-106 sprung a jim-dandy grand-slam with their "Country Fair," June 2d—and while they probably did not clear much over expenses with their penny-nickel-and-dime concessions, still the 349 passing the turnstiles certainly had a royal riot of fun.

It is reluctantly admitted that those youngsters showed us Old Timers something new—but facts are facts.

The main feature was a "Ripper Believe It Not," behind the curtain on the stage, where various five-minute shows to capacity crowds held continuous performance. Chief attraction was a hearing man, Henry Wiegman, the armless artist, who painted pictures by holding the brush in his mouth, autographing same for customers. This was a top-notch in deaf social annals. Other "rippers" were movies, shawdgraphs of delightful tinge, and boxing bouts showing Mennen Kums, the deaf 135-pounder, who has competed in several Golden Gloves tournaments and now boxes as a professional.

Part of the floor was roped off for taxi-dancing. Robert Blair and his Visions De Arts ran a "Lucky Kitchen Supply" concession in one corner. He had enough tin cans to stock a grocery and also over a dozen live chickens, which added some fun. Ask Maurice Pernick. He had to chase one that slipped from under his drum. He nearly slipped and sprawled, but captured it. Mrs. Inez Livshis was another victim of the embarrassing antics of three spring chickens, which she won at the fair auction. This trio of fowls insisted on having a fair of their own, and succeeded at the print shop of Peter Livshis, where there were stored away in a but-loosely covered enclosure. When Inez returned next day, she noticed a crowd of onlookers standing in front of the printing shop, and peering inside.

Espying her preparing to invert the key into the door, a few of them started to quiz her humorously. Then she

discovered all the cause of public curiosity. Three chickens were making themselves at ease in the printing office, one perching on the counter gate, swinging lazily eyes half closed; another ensconced itself on the file drawer, half drawn out, and the last posing as an executive in the swivel chair. The venturesome onlooker in the street asked Inez what they were doing. Covered with confusion, she mumbled to the effect that they were laboratory specimen to be studied in connection with printing. No one in the family would accept the honor of killing them, so a salmon dinner was cooked instead, and these chickens had another day of grace—and the janitor was found on Monday to do the job.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf itself had an exhibit booth, at the said "106 Fair" showing state reports, hearing insurance magazines praising our society highly, graphs, charts, etc. "Bobs" the president personally assembled this, and explained patiently the highlights. "See these ten cards, which have to be filled out for every new member? It used to take us forty-five minutes to fill them properly by hand; today my machine-system does them in five minutes. That's one of the many labor-saving efficiencies, which enable us to operate at such ridiculously low clerical-cost. See this big map with pins stuck in it? The red pins represent the 106 live divisions, the ten black pins show the only divisions to 'fold-up' in our thirty-three years of existence. Those were small cities, where industrial conditions left deaf members jobless, so they moved away. We have passed on 12,000 applications since 1906. Just 10,160 active membership certificates have been issued."

The originator of this venture was F. Hinrichs, formerly president of Chicago, Division No. 106, for three consecutive years up to last year. Though he came back from Davenport, Ia., without his fiancée, he looked greatly gingered up for having seen her and for having ridden in a new Studebaker car belonging to his cousin's friend. In three and one-half hours, he reached Davenport from Chicago, averaging fifty-five miles an hour, and at one time drove seventy miles an hour in the open country.

Behind this leader were equally strong helpers, Louis Ruskin, Stephen Kuflewski, Harold Libbey, Gordon Rice, and a host of others.

Chi-first-frats sell beer and pop at meetings—highly relished in the 102 heat of the June 1st gathering. Chi-first and Ora-106 divisions will meet in a series of softball games, then pick the best players of the two divisions to form a "Chicago frats" team for competition in tournaments here. The joint divisions plan a "shrimp frat smoker de luxe" during the state convention here, September 1st, as a take-off on New York's "Giant frat smoker" during the N. A. D. convention. The names of guys to be "goated" kindled keen relish—one fat man in particular having huge buttocks to be butted by Billy O'Goat.

After being an invalid for twenty five years, and bedridden the past five months, the mother of Mrs. Arthur L. Roberts, died in Cleveland, May 27th. Mrs. Roberts, who remained at her bedside the full five months, returned to Chicago on June 3d.

Four Detroiters drove in for the Fair—the Rev. Horace Waters, his son, Jr., daughter, Marjorie, and Arthur Meck. Rev. Waters was one of the all-time greats in football at Gallaudet College, and his son, Billy of Michigan, made this year's All-America—having two years' additional schooling before entering Gallaudet. Rev. Waters states the Missouri Alumni Association, of which he is president, holds its reunion in Fulton, September 1st, 2d, and 3d.

The William Geilfus were in for the 106 blow-out for the first time since our former Frances Wondra became Mrs. Geilfus, a year ago.

Mrs. Hugh Gates, of Decatur, spent ten days with the Tom Grays.

Miss Pauline Rudnicka, of Los Angeles, spent a week here as guest of the Morris Hertzbergs.

Peter Livshis learned from Mrs. Alfred Levey, of Chicago Women's Aid, that aid is being rendered to Jewish deaf children for the summer, Camp Wauconda sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, will admit girls, aged nine to thirteen this summer. The registration charge is five dollars. If the family is unable to pay, someone will be found to pay for the child. Registration should be made in person with Miss Ettinger at American Boys' Commonwealth, 3415 West Thirtieth Place, afternoons, as soon as possible. Camp Wooster sponsored by Jewish Young Men's Charity Association, will admit boys, aged ten to eighteen, no charge. The registration, likewise, should be made in person with Miss Ettinger at the same address.

Mrs. Hasenstab was visiting her two sisters at Champaign and Fisher, May 29th-June 5th. Her daughter, Beatrice (Mrs. Lee Krafft) spent several days with her college classmates and at MacMurray College (her alma mater). Alumni meetings and commencement exercises meanwhile. Then she is to bring Mrs. Hasenstab back home.

Mrs. J. Schuyler Long spent several days seeing the World's Fair. She returned home Monday, June 4th.

Mr. Rossmunden's wife and son, hailing from Pennsylvania, joined him here.

Mrs. Barr expects to attend the Indiana reunion. Pastor Hasenstab will be there, too.

THIRD FLAT.

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October 27th.—Hallowe'en Party, Mr. D. Aellis.  
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To the humblest and the weakest  
Neath the all-beholding sun,  
That wrong is also done to us,  
And they are slaves most base,  
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With the conclusion of tomorrow afternoon's graduation exercises in the Chapel, followed by the bugler's sounding of "Taps," the 116th academic year of the school will officially come to a close. The school, following a long term of beneficial service to the community, exhibits an inspiring, healthy old age, and is still sturdy and progressive, as the record has shown in the lives of 5483 boys and girls whom it has prepared for the day that calls upon them to assume active participation in the serious demands of life. To the twenty-eight members of this year's class will be awarded certificates. Of these, eight girls and ten boys graduate, three from the Academic grade of whom have been prepared to enter college, and to three girls and three boys who have completed the course of the Grammar grade.

In the successful completion of their several terms of instruction there is evidence of the permanent value of the education and training they have received to meet changes in the social order, which requires careful control in social behavior. These results have been attained through the wholesome co-operation of departments, supervision of a well-arranged course in literary instruction fortified by efficient training in vocational activities. These have been supplemented by development of the spiritual life with the requirements so essential to individual well-being, and traits which have made the school eminently noted for the general excellence of its system of preparation. It unites mental awakening with the building up of habits of rectitude, consideration for others, and duties as useful men and women who are not to be a burden upon the community, but rather are educated to become respectable, self-supporting upright citizens. In their training the important element of character building has constantly been uppermost in order to acquire, as far as possible, the essential elements tending toward the best mode of life.

As the curtain falls upon the activities of the academic year, all will soon be exchanging farewells ere they hie away to homes and families; there remains the contented and the thank-

ful feeling that the year's work has proven beneficial mentally, morally and physically to the pupils. Exceptional progress has been evident in all departments, which repays the thoughtful effort exerted to meet the requirements outlined in the course of study of the class rooms as well as in the various trades afforded by the industrial department.

SEVERAL years ago, at a conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, the question of deafness was under discussion from its several aspects as a social problem. The Physical Side was treated exhaustively by Superintendent Skyberg, now of the New York School for the Deaf.

In his interesting and instructive review of the subject, he considered the physical side of deafness as one mental, explaining it as the disturbance of the normal functions through the impairment of the physical structure of the ear. Laying stress upon the physical side of deafness as one for the consideration of the medical profession, he advises the layman to attempt little beyond interpreting medical findings in the light of educational experiences.

Citing the report of the National Research Council, as presented by its Committee on the Physical Causes of Deafness, he reviews it in detail, commenting upon its findings. The report recognizes heredity as a factor in congenital deafness and has made detailed observations in 723 individual cases showing the nature of the consanguinity, the history of deafness in the family of parents, and other cases of deafness in the immediate family. Of these 723 cases the nature of the consanguinity is as follows:

In 34 cases the parents were first cousins; in 26 cases the parents were second cousins; in 11 case the parents were third cousins; in one instance an uncle had married his niece; in one instance the child's father was also the mother's father.

Of the definitely congenital cases 39.3 per cent give a history of other cases of deafness in the family, and of the probably congenital cases 21.5 per cent give a history of deafness in the family. In the cases of the 349 children concerned, the following facts have been noted: "Ninety-five uncles of the children had deafness and 91 aunts, 90 cousins 21 grandparents, and 52 were listed as other relatives. Of course, to elicit the fact that some relative was hard of hearing does not necessarily imply that this deafness had anything to do with heredity or consanguinity. For example, grandparents who are recorded as being hard of hearing might easily have suffered from senile deafness, a condition which certainly has nothing to do with the hereditary transmission of deafness to children. The acquiring of deafness of any type probably means a type of deafness that has nothing to do with transmissions to children.

"The statistics regarding deafness in the immediate family, that is, brothers and sisters, were of great interest: 217 deaf children had one brother or sister who was known to be deaf; 73 deaf children had two deaf brothers or sisters; 27 deaf children had three deaf brothers or sisters; 5 deaf children had five brothers or sisters who were hard of hearing. In all these cases the defect in the hearing of the brothers and sisters were severe enough to be commented

on when the child was placed in the institution for the deaf. Twins were found to be deaf in ten instances."

In an analysis of the report of cases of acquired deafness, with which Superintendent Skyberg was familiar in his relations with the Veterans Bureau, he remarks that it was only after a systematic search for cases where otitis media was reported, that a contact was made with ex-service men who became subjects for special training and supervision in the work of rehabilitation. In 20 per cent of the cases of acquired deafness it was noticed that this was associated with otitis media, while in 80 per cent of the cases there was none. Prof. Skyberg judges that the medical history prepared under the Veterans Bureau was accurate; that the medical histories given by parents of deaf children in schools for the deaf are inaccurate. He expresses the belief that the occurrence of otitis media in 60 per cent of the cases is much more in point of fact than the report prepared by the Council, which gives only 20 per cent as having had otitis media in connection with the occurrence of deafness.

As to the relation of deafness to disease of adenoids and tonsils in children, the report claims that, in the type of diseases responsible for deafness in children in schools for the deaf, the defect lies necessarily in the internal ear, as it is the only nerve deafness which can be severe enough to necessitate a child's being sent to a school for the deaf. This develops at times to suppurative diseases of the middle ear, a condition easily brought on from tonsil and adenoid trouble. It is declared improbable that a child would have an inflammation of the middle ear in both ears at the same time and have exactly the same result in the labyrinth. With regard to mumps as a cause for serious deafness, this disease produced none of the disturbances mentioned as causes of deafness. Being the result of toxic neuritis involving the eighth nerve, it sometimes produces total, and at other times only partial, destruction of the hearing; mumps does not produce otitis media but apparently reaches the auditory nerve at once.

In reference to the question of the prevention of deafness, and as to whether or not deafness is on the increase, he expresses the belief that it is safe to say that the ratio of deafness to population is on the decrease. Probably the marked strides recently made in the prevention and control of those diseases primarily responsible for deafness will be a factor in reducing this ratio. It is necessary to use care in not overlooking the fact that this same factor brought to attention many cases of incipient deafness which the medical profession of earlier days failed to discover. While he believes that the ratio of cases may be actually decreasing, this second condition brings a greater number of children to the schools for specialized types of instruction.

The paper is essentially valuable in all details, but especially for the clarity with which it treats of those diseases which are the cause of loss of hearing. It affords answers to many questions often broached by the non-professional in relation to cases that are the cause of worry and pain in the family circle when one of the beloved seems to be threatened with defective hearing.

ATTENTION is directed to a final request made by the late Dr. J. Schuyler Long; it is a worthy task, and we feel sure it will be ably carried out.

"At the request of Mrs. Harry B. Shibley of Van Buren, Ark.—a request passed on by the late Dr. J. Schuyler Long—J. H. McFarlane will take up the work of preparing the proposed anthology of poems by the deaf in collaboration with Mrs. Shibley. He will appreciate it if any of the deaf having poems to submit for inclusion in the anthology will send them to his address: P. O. Box 168, Talladega, Ala."

WE HAVE received from Miss M. Binnerts, Second Secretary of the Nederland's Association of the Deaf, a request for information as to associations for the deaf in the United States.

The deaf of Groningen show great interest in the position of the deaf of America.

In Holland they have one organization, the Dutch league of associations of deaf and dumb, with eight sections, and publish a monthly paper named *Andor*. In Holland the institutions for the deaf and dumb are privately managed, for they have no obligatory education.

Greetings are sent through the JOURNAL from the Dutch to the American deaf, and are appreciated.

## A Novel Idea

We have the time-honored custom of opening our commencement exercises with the invocation by one minister and closing them with the benediction by still another man—a solemn and appropriate practice, for both reason and fault convinces us alike in our seasons of vigor and feebleness that reverence of religion is attended with beneficial consequences to us all.

On May 29th, the California school closed for the vacation; and in the usual auditorium exercises, Mr. E. A. Stevenson had the novel idea of giving a place on the program to a prayer composed by an alumnus of the school, which was read by Rev. Thomas and interpreted by Mr. Stevenson. The idea, which is certainly not a misapprehension, is that the grown deaf, by themselves, also have the capacity of thinking and feeling and even of entertaining lofty conceptions, if it is in a prayer written by a deaf-mute to deserve such a sentient commendation. We are pleased to print here, in full, the text of the prayer:

"Lord of all ages and all religions, the most Holy One, the most Perfect and, therefore, the most Fearful and Wisest One to whom the sun, moon, stars and all seas are as a breath and the sign-language is as an open book, we come to lift hands of prayer to Thee, to supplicate Thee, because we are Thy children of Silence, and life and its purposes are a mystery except to Thee.

We beseech Thee to gather this school under the Shadow of Thy Perfection as a hen gathers her brood under her wings so that, through Thy Gift, we may know peace and comfort.

Teach us for we see; and, for the precious benefits and mercies of the eye-eight, we thank and glorify Thee. Strengthen us for we understand; and, for whatever enlightenment we have received, our hands unceasingly chant praises of Thy boundless Love which searches our weakness and yet promises perpetual Redemption.

Thy Kingdom comes, and Thy Glory abides forever on Order, Justice and Beauty through Thy Power and Mercy, for Thou art God, ever ancient and ever new and today the panoply of Goodness over our silent world where the sign-language infuses Thy Grace into furthestmost corners and makes us free: So it pleases Jesus of Bethlehem, his Mother and all the teachers who share our burdens for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

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## NEW YORK CITY

## ST. ANN'S NOTES

The pupils of St. Ann's Church School held their last session on Friday evening, June 8th, before the summer vacation. After a short prayer service, and a talk by the Vicar, Rev. G. C. Braddock, the Confirmation Class was given copies of the Prayer Book, and other pupils were presented with Bibles and other books as prizes for excellence in the year's studies. Those in the Confirmation Class were: Chester Geackel, Raymond Hart, Richard Rohrsen, Fred Nelson and Teddy Gaden. Those receiving prizes were as follows:—

Senior Girls—First prize, Clara Hermann; second prize, Mercedes Nordman.

Senior Boys—First, Louis Balkoski; second, Edward Schuyler.

Intermediate Boys—First, William Abbott; second, Harry Schroeder.

Intermediate Girls—First, Amelia Anderson; second, Elizabeth Simpson.

Primary Boys—First, Richard Rohrsen; second, Raymond Jackson.

Primary Girls—First, Margaret Hines; second, Gloria Gaden and Florence Burns (two prizes on account of a tie).

In addition to the prizes, a copy of the New Testament was presented to each of the following as a graduation gift: Eleanor Swenson, Alice Gates, Marion Danks, Alma Smith, Wesley Wilson and William Bartholomew.

After the presentations, the pupils were treated to four reels of motion pictures, including some pictures taken of All Souls' Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia.

## H. A. D.

The closing exercises by the Jewish pupils of the New York School for the Deaf were held last Tuesday evening, May 29, 1934. Following was the program:—

Invocation..... Rabbi Aaron Eiseman  
Responsive Psalm for Confirmants.

Graduates  
Composition—"The Rabbi and the Bishop"

Walter Shafran  
"Ruth"..... Girls of Junior Class

Address..... M. L. Kenner, President, H.A.D.  
Declaration of Jewish Principles.....

Graduates  
Ten Commandments and their Meanings

Pupils of Junior and Primary Classes  
Valedictorian Remarks..... Sally Auerbach

Confirmation of Graduates.....

Rabbi Aaron Eiseman  
Hymn "Lord, What Offering Shall We

Bring"..... Ethel Koplowitz,  
Nettie Weiner and Carolyn Isaac

"Flower Offering"..... Roselle Weiner,  
Fannie Forman and Margaret Abramowitz

Presentation of Prizes and Diplomas  
Song, "America".....

Sally Auerbach, Ethel Koplowitz, Nettie  
Weiner and Carolyn Isaac

Benediction..... Rabbi Aaron Eiseman

The graduates are Sally Auerbach, Ethel Koplowitz, Nettie Weiner, Carolyn Isaac, Walter Shafran, Joseph Nuch and Harry Hirson.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Senior Class, Girl, Sally Auerbach; Boy, Walter Shafran; Honorable Mention, Ethel Koplowitz. Junior Class, First Prize, Irving Gordon; Second, Nettie Weltman; Honorable Mention, Barney Horowitz. Primary Class, First Prize, Gertrude Walker; Second, Marvin Greenstone; Honorable Mention, Ira Lerner.

After a lingering illness at Nassau County Hospital, Farmingdale, L. I., death finally took James F. Constantin on Friday, May 18th. He was forty-four years old. He had high hopes of returning home on May 27th, to celebrate his twenty-third wedding anniversary. Father Purtell assisted at the requiem mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brooklyn, and at the grave. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons, James, Jr., Clifford and Thomas. Mr. Constantin was an honor graduate of St. Joseph's, Westchester; a member of Queens Frats, a past president of the Brooklyn, No. 23, and Typographical Union No. 6. He was of a quiet disposition, the kind who makes and keeps friends; therefore he will be missed by his host of friends.—*New Ephpheta*.

## N. A. D. SHOW AT ST. ANN'S

Bucking Old Man Humidity, who was in rare form that day, and with two rival attractions running, the Strawberry Festival and Stage Entertainment, given under the auspices of the N. A. D. Local Committee at St. Ann's Guild House, Saturday evening, June 2nd, provided the 150 who attended with the most hilarious evening in years.

The show, consisting of seven acts of burlesque, skits and sketches, kept the audience in a continual state of merriment, verging on hysteria over the didoes of Emerson Romero in his several appearances. The program and comments thereon are herewith appended:

Monologue..... John N. Funk  
Danse Crinoline..... Della Catuna, Nancy Tyree

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame".....

Emerson Romero, J. N. Funk

"Ah, There!"..... Emerson Romero, Sam Block

"Framing Father".....

Sarah Kaminsky, G. Lynch, J. N. Funk

"In the Park," a Charlie Chaplin escapade

Emerson Romero, Nancy Tyree, Ione

Dibble, George Lynch, Michael Ciavolino, Sam Block, Ed. Carr, F. Heintz.

"School Days"..... Eleanor Sherman, Florence

Bridges, Sarah Kaminsky, Belle Peters,

Ione Dibble, Ethel Diekmann, Alan

Crammatte, Mike Ciavolina, George

Lynch, Herbert Diekmann, Ed. Carr,

Frank Heintz, Sam Block, J. N. Funk

The Danse Crinoline, gracefully presented by Mrs. Catuna and Miss Tyree, was well received.

"The Hunchback" brought down the house, for, whereas Mr. Funk had promised the audience that Mr. Romero would endeavor to give an imitation of Quasimodo, the deaf-mute half-wit immortalized on the screen by Lon Chaney, Mr. Romero appeared accoutred as a football half-back, helmet, ball, sweater with the letters "NAD," and wearing a "goofy" look on his usually enlightened countenance.

Then, after being soundly berated for his stupidity, Romero turned his back to the audience, the picture of dejection, while Funk proceeded to make apologies, explaining that while Romero was a good fellow, he had his difficulties with the sign language, being but recently rescued from the clutches of the oralists, etc. etc. While thus engaged, Romero, with a few deft touches, right in the middle of the stage, with all eyes upon him, transformed himself into the frightful spectacle of the gibbering, one-eyed, hump-backed hero of Victor Hugo's famous novel.

While the audience thundered its appreciation, Romero removed—before the eyes of all—wig, hump and eye, resuming his own identity, and went through a series of comical antics and attitudes with Sam Block, who, in this his debut on the stage, proved a most excellent stooge and a player of promise.

"Framing Father," though bare of plot, was an excellent pantomime vehicle for Mrs. Kaminsky and Messrs. G. Lynch and J. Funk, the idea being to keep father in ignorance of the fact his favorite mirror was broken.

"In the Park," a Chaplin episode, was a scream from start to finish, with Romero playing the inimitable Charlie to the life, ably supported by the players named, whose handling of their "straight" roles provided the necessary background for a full appreciation of the poignant humor inherent in the character of the sentimental bum of the screen.

Following this knock-out act, Mr. Romero again agitated the risibilities of his optience with a pantomime depicting the misadventures of our grotesque hero in a taxi-dance hall.

"School Days," the final number, was, in the unsolicited opinion of some, "a riot; such spontaneous humor," etc., though it may have suffered by comparison with the rest of the show. However, the sight of grown-ups impersonating children mis-reciting mis-behaving and bedeviling teacher, was thoroughly enjoyed by playees and players alike.

The Local Committee desires to express its appreciation publicly to St. Ann's Church for its donation

of the use of the auditorium, and to the players participating for the time and effort expended. The players were recruited from the various organizations supporting the Local Committee in its pre-convention labors, and were directed by Mr. Funk. Strawberries and cake were served gratis, with Mesdames Funk, Kenner, Nies and Radlein at the serving table.

## N. A. D.

Miss MacLean, a teacher in the Halifax School for the Deaf, Nova Scotia, also Miss Mary M. Bubnash, connected with the State School for the Deaf at Boulder, Montana, are two other "long-distancers" who have expressed their intention of coming to the Big Convention on July 23d.

Additional members reported thus far are: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. A. Neger, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac G. Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lovitch, Emory F. Wolgamot, Mrs. Sally Yaeger, Mrs. Mendel Berman, Mrs. Dorothy Delaura, Mrs. Della Catuna, Mrs. Helen Greenberg, and Mrs. A. M. Miller.

The funeral of the late Mr. William W. Thomas, of Yonkers, N. Y., took place on Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, and was attended by quite a few of the deaf of Yonkers and Mt. Vernon and New York City. The Matron of the Gallaudet Home, Miss Katherine Martin, was present, accompanied by Miss Lula Allen, Assistant Matron, and Mr. Francis W. Nuboer, a resident of the Home. During his life time, Mr. Thomas had been a Trustee of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, and a generous benefactor of the Gallaudet Home. The funeral service for the deaf was conducted by the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock, and for the hearing people by the Rev. Archibald Mann, pastor of the family church in Yonkers. As the interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, only a few blocks from the Thomas mansion, most of the mourners either rode or walked to see the committal service at the grave. Mr. Thomas was a member of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, and of the Men's Club, and was prominent in church affairs. Prior to his decease, on June 4th, he had been confined for a month or more in St. John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, with poisoning of the blood stream and other infirmities. He was sixty-five years of age, and an alumnus of Fanwood. He is survived by a sister, Miss Martha Thomas, three sons, and one daughter.

Dorothy Plapinger, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plapinger was quietly married to Mr. Joseph Polakoff, of Scranton, Pa., on Saturday, May 26th, 1934, by Rabbi Nathan Perlman, of Temple Emanu-El, New York City. They left on the "S.S. Olympic" on Friday, June 8th, for a four weeks tour of England, France and Belgium. Upon their return to this country, they will reside in Scranton, Pa., where the groom is employed on the editorial staff of the "Scranton Republican," the oldest newspaper house in Scranton. Mr. Polakoff is a graduate of St. Thomas College, Scranton, and the bride is a senior at Hunter College, New York. A few days before they sailed, the deaf friends of Mrs. Plapinger, who had known Dorothy since her childhood days, tendered her a bridal shower at which she received the most beautiful useful gifts.

Contract Bridge is becoming more and more popular among the deaf. Formerly when games of bridge and "500" were announced there were more "500" players, but at the last event, held under the auspices of the Lexington Avenue Alumni Association, on the 26th of May, there were more bridge players than "500." To Mr. Emerson Romero must be given the credit for the interest in "Bridge." He is a very fine teacher, those under his tuition have progressed remarkably, and in the Fall, when games will be resumed the predilection is that the attendance will be two-fold what it was at the close, when ten tables was attained.

Coney Island this coming summer will see even greater numbers of the deaf than heretofore. Those who attend the N. A. D. Convention, if they make the trip to this popular Island, will wonder at the large crowd of the deaf. It is a convention by itself. Those gathering there on a Saturday and Sunday are not all New Yorkers by any means, for many come from other States by buses at reduced rates that now prevail or by private cars, thanks to the N. A. D., for convincing the authorities of the States that the deaf are careful drivers. If it had not been for the N. A. D. the deaf in several states would have been barred from securing licenses to drive. This is only one instance of the good the N. A. D. has accomplished for the deaf. At the forthcoming convention, no doubt, other things for the welfare of the deaf will be broached. Now is the time to join the N. A. D., in numbers there is strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Loew and daughter will be on their way to California by the time the National Association of the Deaf convenes for its convention in July. Their aunt, Mrs. Sonneborn, who was their guest last winter, urged them to visit her. During their stay in Los Angeles, the Loews will be the guests of Mrs. Sonneborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frankenheim and their young hopeful, Sonny Junior, will spend the summer at Asbury Park, N. J., a bungalow having been secured, and they expect to occupy it by the 15th of June. However, Mr. Frankenheim will be in the city, the week during the N. A. D. convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Goldfogle had two-hour sail on Steamer Richard Peck around the whole United States mighty fleet last Saturday, and enjoyed viewing the life and color aboard.

The depression must be over. After three years of nomading, Mr. and Mrs. Altor L. Sedlow have moved into an attractive four-room apartment, located at 816 Edison Avenue, Bronx, N. Y.

New York friends of J. Frederick Meagher of Chicago will be happy to hear that the "Mighty Mite" will be here in person at the coming N. A. D. convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller left for Boston, Mass., on June 9th, to remain for at least ten days; during their stay they will attend the wedding anniversary of Mr. Miller's brother.

## Monster Frat Smoker

Of course everybody—that is, everybody who is anybody—will be at the Convention of the N. A. D. in New York July 23-28th. And if that everybody is also a member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, an extra portion of enjoyment awaits him.

For on Friday evening, July 27th, the Allied Frat Divisions of the Metropolitan Area will be hosts at a Monster Smoker. There are only two requirements for admission to this biggest and grandest of all conclaves of N. F. S. D. members—good standing and a ticket. Tickets will be one dollar.

A spacious, air-conditioned hall has been secured, the Mecca Temple Casino, 135 West 55th Street. July humidity will not bother us.

The committee, headed by Ben Friedwald, is now at work on a good spicy program. The best Broadway talent is being scanned; absolutely no amateur-night stuff will be presented.

Every cent available will be spent on the blow-out. Naturally donations from other divisions are welcome. To start out, Brooklyn No. 23, has given \$100; The Deaf-Mutes Union League, \$15; Manhattan No. 87, \$10; and Queens No. 115, \$5. We would like to have more. Send what you please to Ben Friedwald, Chairman Smoker Committee, 84 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.



## OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

Supt. E. R. Abernathy greeted the Alumni Association at the reunion with these words:—

"Many of you have come back to the school for the first time in years. In the familiar surroundings with old friends you will recall the happy years you spent here as pupils. When you first came to the school as children, your Alma Mater welcomed you. She endeavored to make the time you spent here both pleasant and profitable. Once more your Alma Mater greets her sons and daughters with open arms and a warm heart, and again she hopes that the days spent within her walls will be enjoyable and constructive."

The attendance was over 500, with Sunday the peak day. The meals furnished were very satisfying and the household folks did everything possible for the comfort of the school's guests.

The opening program was very interesting. Miss Angelina Fos-saceca, class of 1934, beautifully signed "Our O. S. S. D.," composed a few years ago by Mrs. D. E. Neutzing. In a happy manner Supt. Abernathy welcomed all. The principal address was given by Dr. Reese of the State Educational Department, with Mrs. May G. Thomas as interpreter. By the way, Dr. Reese was so pleased with what he saw and heard that he remained much longer than he expected to and even then found it hard to break away.

The President's address, delivered by Mr. Ayers, was quite interesting and was given much attention by all present. While I cannot give a full account of his address, I've selected a few excerpts:

"Do the young people appreciate the chance they have for a good education? It is one thing to have an education and another to know how to use it to the best advantage. If your education is to mean anything to you, you must work."

"We want better qualified teachers. A teacher, when she is able to use all methods and to fit the particular method to the child, will be, in our opinion, the most useful attachment to any school for the deaf. The growing unemployment of the deaf in our state calls for some real research."

"The association has nothing to do with the day-school problem, but we are interested in this now because the state school is bearing the brunt of the backward pupils, who are at last given over to our school. We think the duty of the thorough training of these pupils should be handled by the respective day school."

"We stand for the combined schools."

Impromptu talks were given by Mr. A. B. Greener, Mr. Ernest Craig of Chicago, and Rev. Sawhill of Cleveland. There was an earnest call for words from Dr. Patterson, but he could not be induced to go upon the platform.

Good entertainments were given Friday and Saturday evenings.

A platform was erected in the yard and the meetings were out under the old trees. One of the surprises was the appearance of Dr. Benj. Showalter, who came to see how his father was getting along. He was asked to address the crowd and spoke for a short time, using the sign language he learned in childhood.

As Mr. Ayers had given all to understand that he would not accept the presidency again, a new one had to be selected. Messrs. Munger, Huffman and others were favorably mentioned, but all refused the honor and as Mr. Conkling seemed to be the only one willing to accept, he was elected. Mr. Richardson of Cleveland was made vice-president; Mr. Ernest Craig, of Chicago, recording secretary; Mr. C. Huffman, of

Columbus, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. J. C. Winemiller, treasurer.

Trustees elected were Mr. Bache-berle, of Cincinnati, Mr. Zorn and Mr. Zell, to serve till 1937.

Mr. Munger, of Cleveland, and Messrs. Fred Moore and Fred Schwartz to serve till 1940.

The chairs used on the lawn were loaned for the occasion by the Alumni Association of Ohio State University.

The exposition brought out some very fine work, showing that the deaf have much talent for many lines of work.

Upon entering the room one was struck by a very imposing model of the main building. This was the result of one year's work by Mr. Inman and a surprise to every one. The model was six feet long and every detail was perfect. It is to be shown at the Ohio State Fair. Mr. Inman did the work at his home using small pieces of wood thrown out in the cabinet shop. He also had some good hand carving.

Mr. Waren Shafer had a fine display of pottery and proved himself an artist in that line.

Mrs. Fred Moore (Jackson) had a good display of her china painting and water colors. She also showed a lovely hooked rug. The Duning brothers of Cincinnati had a fine display of their work.

Mrs. Wark exhibited a lovely quilt of her own making and the Toledo Ladies' Aid Society had a fine quilt on display. Miss Prouty showed a quilt which was pieced by her grandmother 105 years ago. Mrs. Mathews of Indianapolis and Miss Willard had lovely embroidery there.

Several others whose names have escaped my memory had displays. Miss C. Glaser of Dayton seems an artist in advertisement and posters. Well, the result was that nearly every exhibiton was given first prize and all passed off finely. I wish all the exhibits could be seen at the N. A. D. exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Meehan, of Chicago, accompanied Mrs. Verna Pumphrey to Zanesville to visit her sister for a few days. Later they will be guests of Mrs. Zell for the week-end.

Miss E. Moss, of the Indiana School, was present on Saturday and Sunday. She, with Mr. and Mrs. Holiday, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Craig, of Chicago, and Mr. McConnell, of Iowa, were house guests of the Zells, along with Mr. and Mrs. Mather. It was a good crowd, a good gathering, and the greeting of old friends was done in the old-fashioned hand-shaking way.

The executive committee and their helpers may well feel proud of the successful reunion. Folks left Sunday evening for home or elsewhere, with much good news to take to friends who were unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Corey, Jr., of Florida, were happy to meet old Ohio friends.

Mr. A. B. Greener was among a large number of persons who were honored at Central Presbyterian Church, Sunday. He has been a member of the church for fifty years, and was honored along with several prominent Columbus men for long service.

Mr. Robert Shimp, of Toledo, arrived Sunday morning from Fort Wayne, Ind., with his bride. They were married Saturday, and with his mother and friends, motored to the reunion. Mrs. Shimp, the bride, was Emma Grandey, if we get the name right. They made a good-looking couple.

Now I hear the editor saying "Cut it down." E.

Mr. F. A. Leitner and wife, of Pittsburgh, Pa., left home by auto on June 1st for the Columbus reunion. After that they plan to drive through Lexington, Ky., St. Louis, Kansas City, and Denver to Colorado Springs. Returning the route covers Cheyenne, Wyo., Omaha, Chicago and back to Pittsburgh. They expect to be gone about ten weeks.

## Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 143 Grant Avenue, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

## HAMILTON

On Sunday, June 3d, Mr. Cowan, of London, conducted the service in Centenary Church. There was a good turnout of members and also a number of visitors, including Miss Margaret Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Fishbein, of London; Mr. McKay, of Toronto, and Mr. Randall, of Paris.

Mr. Cowan gave a very thoughtful address on "Growth," reading from II Peter 3, and taking the 18th verse as his text, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." In the course of his sermon, Mr. Cowan remarked that many young people, when they leave school, think that they have learned all there is to know, and do not need to continue their studies. In this way they are greatly mistaken, as they must go on learning if they wish to increase their knowledge—especially should they continue the study of the Bible, in which they will always find something to help and guide them. During the service, Mrs. Taylor gracefully signed the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Afterwards, Mr. Cowan and his daughter and some other friends had supper at Grant Avenue, and later in the evening, over a dozen of the deaf called and had a nice time, though all regretted that the visitors had to leave rather early, as Mr. Eddie Fishbein, who had motored them to Hamilton, did not wish to be late in starting on the 90-mile drive back to London.

This, we believe, was Mr. Fishbein's first visit to Hamilton since he bought his new car, which was much admired.

Mr. Cowan reports that all the deaf of London are now employed, with the exception of Mr. John Fisher, who has been off work since March, owing to the strike in his trade. We hope to have more news of our London friends soon.

The Hamilton picnic will be held in Westdale Park on July 14th. Further particulars will be announced later.

Mrs. J. Taylor had a very pleasant week-end visit with Mrs. Ida Robertson, of Preston, and reports that Mrs. Robertson is now feeling much better, after her recent operation for appendicitis.

## KITCHENER

There was a good attendance at Mr. Hazlett's service on the 27th of May, about thirty-four having been present. Practically all the deaf of Galt attended, and other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Andrew Bell, of Hamilton; Mrs. I. C. Robertson, of Preston; Mr. W. Wageston and Mr. C. Miller, of Stratford; Mr. Albert Seiss, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mr. John Forsyth, of Elmira; Miss Marybelle Russell, of Ailsa Craig, Ont.; and Mr. John Voison, of St. Clements.

Mrs. Lucille B. Moynihan, the elected chairman for the coming picnic, announced that the Kitchener and Waterloo picnic would be held on July 2d, at Waterloo Park. This will be a basket picnic, so all visitors are asked to bring their own lunches, but hot tea will be served free of charge to all. The date and place have been changed from that previously announced, as the Galt deaf want to have their picnic on their Civic holiday, August 6th, but as that is the date fixed for the Frats picnic at Oakville, we think it more considerate to hold ours on July 2d (Dominion Day). Waterloo Park is an ideal place for a picnic, as it affords bathing and rowing and has a fine field for sports.

Miss Marybelle Russell is the guest of Mrs. Moynihan for a few days. In London, recently, the deaf gave a party in Miss Russell's honor, when a most enjoyable time was had by all present.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golds came up from Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Sunday, the 27th, to visit her parents.

ANNIE M. ADAM.

## A Correction

Editor Deaf-Mutes' Journal:

The following article, somewhat abbreviated from the original, appeared in your esteemed publication recently:

"The only deaf-owned poultry-butcher shop in Chicago went broke. This place was bought a year ago by . . . Hank Crutcher, who came here after selling a laundry business in Detroit and a poolroom in Cincinnati. Crutch proved a better writer than business man. So last October he sold out to young Carter Henningsen. Henningsen tried to steer the place out of its financial morass, and was making good headway when he was served with papers in a lawsuit for back-rent . . . so he let the whole . . . mess go by default."

The writer, Mr. Flat Tire, or Tire Flat, or Third Flat, or Flat Foot, or some kind of Flat, may not have intended to, or he may have been misinformed, but anyway his article is anything but flattering and tends to put me in a rather bad light. And I don't like to be put in a bad light. I like to be out in the glad sunshine, preferably with the mermaids on the beach.

The average person reading that article gets the impression that I palmed off an involved business bogged in a morass of debts on an innocent "young" man. The young man is not so much younger than I, and is much more worldly wise than I, in that he is a veteran married man. And the business, when I turned it over to him in October was a good-going one with a large number of customers; and it was absolutely clear of debt of any kind whatever. The rent, light, gas and every outstanding bill was paid in full when I left Chicago.

I made a good living out of it, and with good management my successor should have done the same. The "financial morass," the "miserable mess," the "back-rent lawsuit," and so on, are most regrettable and I am sorry to hear of the failure, but I most certainly am not responsible for it. And that, dear editor, is that. And I trust you will find space for this letter in your columns that the readers may have restored their sublime faith in my sterling integrity.

And the next time old Thirsty Flat-ter wants to lists my numerous business enterprises, he might add that I also once owned a part interest in a drug store in Akron; a farm in Kentucky; a movie for Afro-Americans in South Carolina; a lemonade and peanut stand with Sells-Floto Circus. I did not get rich in any of these businesses, but I did have a lot of fun as long they lasted.

And now, dear editor, forgive me if I skip abruptly to a more serious subject, viz., the N. A. D. Convention, to be held in your hometown next month. Unless I discover a good substitute for money, I don't know if I'll be able to attend. Attend or not, I'm pulling for Troy Hill for Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Marcus L. Kenner, who is running for president, is a personal friend, a go-getter, and from his past reputation seems to be a man admirably suited for the office. But before I lend him my tremendous support I want to first ask him, if elected, what he intends to do, if anything, about abolishing red fingernails on our deaf women? Red fingernails is bad enough on hearing women, but when a bunch of deaf women get together, why their red-polished fingernails glistening in the glad sunshine or reflecting the glare of the Edison bulbs present a pyrotechnical display that distracts the eye from their more comely features.

Thanking you, dear editor, for the space you have granted me, and thanking you, dear readers, for your kind attention, I will close. I hope to see you all at the Convention in N'Yawk-sitty this summer, but if it comes to pass that I am unable to attend, why then—well, why not all of you come down and see me sometimes?

Salubriously yours,

CRUTCH.

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PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Silent Athletic Club's Fifteenth Anniversary Banquet proved a huge success in every phase of the word. A little more than one hundred ladies and gentlemen sat down to a splendid repast served at Kugler's Restaurant, Fifteenth Street below Market Street, on Saturday evening, June 9th, at 8:15 P.M. The menu consisted of the following:—

- Fresh Melon Cup
- Stuffed Olives
- Iced Hearts of Celery
- Cream of Fresh Tomato Soup
- Dixie Pan Fried Chicken with Waffles
- Hashed in Cream Potatoes
- New Peas
- Banana Salad with English Walnut
- Current Jelly Dressing
- Fresh Pineapple Ice Cream
- Mixed Fancy Cakes
- Kugler's "7 Variety" Coffee

This meal, on the testimony of all assembled, was very delicious. After the tables had been cleared, toasts and speeches were in order. Harry J. Dooner, president, was toastmaster for the evening. James L. Jennings, one of the oldest members of the club (pardon me, being one of the oldest does not mean Jim is an old man), was first called upon to deliver a speech on "The S. A. C.'s Progress." Then followed the secretary, Mr. H. S. Ferguson, who spoke on "The S. A. C. in Sports." The guest of honor of the evening, Rev. Henry J. Pulver, then delivered a beautiful eulogy on "The Deaf of Philadelphia." Mr. Morton Rosenfeld, who was scheduled to speak on "The Needs of the Young Deaf of Today," was somehow unavoidably detained from attending the banquet at the last minute, so this was passed up. Then followed toasts impromptu by various guests, and to bring the evening to a close, dancing and renewing of acquaintances were indulged in. Mr. John A. Roach and his able Banquet Committee of Christian Unger, John E. Dunner, James L. Jennings and Joseph J. Balasa, are to be congratulated on arranging so elaborate an affair.

A beautiful menu booklet and card with each guest's name on it were presented to every one. Fresh roses were given to the ladies and cigars and cigarettes were passed around among the men.

A delegation from Allentown were present at the affair. Even a telegram from the Lehigh Association of the Deaf, Allentown, came felicitating the club on its fifteenth anniversary.

Sunter Ball, bigger and fatter than ever, could be found at the banquet table. He hails from Pottsville, Pa.

Mr. Joseph S. Rodgers, for the past three years of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., but now back in Philly, where he has secured employment at his old job, the England Store Fixture Co., was among the gathering at the banquet. He was originally one of the first members of the club.

After an absence of two months spent in visiting their sick daughter near Manchester, Pa. (about eleven miles north of the city of York), Mr. and Mrs. James S. Reider returned to Philadelphia on Monday morning, June 4th. It is possible that they may be recalled to York in a month or sooner as their daughter has not fully recovered from her recent severe illness, and a relapse is feared. Thus Mr. Reider has an opportunity to arrange his affairs for an extended absence or through the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Spahr and two young men from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., motored down to Philadelphia on Sunday, June 3d, to spend the day with Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Pulver.

Mr. George Hummel, Jr., of New Bloomfield, N. J., was a week-end visitor at All Souls' Vicarage recently.

The Philadelphia Storage Battery Co., more famously known as Philco, makers of radio, who have many thousands of workers, among them a good deal of the deaf of Philly, have a baseball team representing it and

one-third of the team is composed of deaf players. These include Warren Holmes, Jr., Finis A. Reneau and Robert Mahon.

The Local Branch of the P. S. A. D. will meet on Saturday, June 16th, at All Souls' Church. After the business meeting, Rabbi Nathan will deliver a lecture. Refreshments will be served. Silver offering.

Mr. Charles Paxton, of Olney, who has been out of work for a year, recently returned to his job at Perry-men, one of Philadelphia's biggest Custom Tailors.

Mr. Leon Krakover, Philly's traveling salesman, is now in Albany, N. Y., on business, a postcard from him saying so.

The Dart League is drawing to a close and only one more meeting is scheduled. Morris has already clinched first place money for the second half, and Wingo, Wisso and Cresheim are fighting it out for second place. Wonder of wonders, Israel Steer went off and cracked out a home-run, something unheard fo for him. The League is now arranging for the play-offs and distribution of prize money.

Five new members were initiated into the Silent Athletic Club at its recent business meeting on June 8th. They are Israel Steer, Finis A. Reneau, Leon Krakover, Abraham Urofsky and John Carrigan. The new location of the clubrooms seems to attract them in.

H. F.

SEATTLE

Miss Henrietta Gould, a resident of this city for about ten years, passed away very suddenly at the home of her niece, Mrs. W. L. McNerney, May 22d. She was apparently in good health, except that she complained of a pain in her side a few days before, which her physician thought was not serious, and she recovered immediately. She ate a hearty dinner and went to sit in her rocker. A few minutes later, Mrs. McNerney was greatly shocked to find her motionless body. Death was caused by heart trouble. Beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket, and there was a long procession of autos to Calgary Cemetery, where she was buried.

Miss Gould, 76 years old, a demure sweet-tempered lady, received her education at the Ohio School for the Deaf many years ago. She came to Seattle in 1922 and made her home with her favorite niece. She was very happy and contented. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. McNerney and the other relatives.

A very pleasant time was experienced at the Lutheran social May 26th, headed by Sam Schneider, Mr. and A. Martin, Mrs. R. Pickett and Mrs. Gustin. Like last month, numerous new games, arranged by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Pickett, were played. Whist finished up the evening, and first prizes for women and men went to Mrs. Brinkman and J. Bertram respectively. Other winners in games were Frank Morrissey, Rev. and Mrs. Westermann, Mrs. W. E. Brown, Miss G. Sink and Mrs. Nancy Dunn. Strawberries, ice-cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Editha Ziegler made her weekly visit at Mrs. Gustin's home Friday evening, May 25th, when about a dozen friends marched in one by one and wished her a happy birthday, due two days later. After a game of bridge and a buffet luncheon, Mrs. Ziegler was presented with a purse of cash. The prizes that True Partridge and A. W. Wright won at bridge, went to their wives, being useful for the kitchen.

Mrs. L. Hagerty had several of the ladies at her home Saturday evening, June 2d, for "500," and presented Mrs. Brown with a prize for highest score, just when the men arrived from the N. F. S. D. meeting. And then the game was changed to bridge until midnight. A lovely luncheon was served in the dining room.

Mrs. Claire Reeves received a letter from Mrs. Koberstein recently, stating

that she and Mr. Koberstein found everything in good shape at their two houses in Maywood, Cal.

Mrs. Bert Haire and daughter, Dora, took a boat ride across the Sound to Retsil and enjoyed a visit with an old friend, who was the sister of Mrs. Bella Smith, deceased several years ago. This elderly lady still remembers the sign-language.

Mrs. Thomas Bradshaw, of Orcas Island, was in town on business last week. She dropped in at Mrs. Hanson's home and found three other friends there for their weekly club. She returned home the next day.

Mrs. Harry Landreyou has gone to Spokane while her husband went south to look for work. They have closed their cleaning business.

John Dortero underwent an operation at Harborview Hospital a couple of weeks ago. He is home now, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, of Renton, had lots of callers a little while ago, almost at the same time. Mr. and Mrs. Rathjan and Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger, all of Yakima, motored to Seattle on business, and came to Renton to see relatives. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Adams and informed them that Mrs. Roy Harris, of Yakima, was operated on for appendicitis last month. And about the marriage of Miss Virginia Cox and Stanley Rosenstein, a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Rex Oliver's mother came from Yakima and has been visiting her in Everett the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver brought her to Seattle to see Mr. Oliver's mother, and placed her there for the night. Apparently it was the Yakima visitor's first sight of Seattle, as she marveled at the beautiful views and the big Farmers' Market. The Olivers attended the Lutheran social, May 26th.

Miss Alice Morrissey, who has worked at the Telephone Exchange for five or more years, has announced her engagement to Mr. Thomas Lanigan. The wedding will occur August 4th. Alice has been the honor guest of four showers this spring. Her father, Frank Morrissey, has three grown children living at home with him.

Claude Ziegler was home from Duvall for a week. While here, he kalsomined the Wrights' living and dining rooms.

John Hood and all the employees at the Puckett Co. were laid off, and many other concerns had to shut down because of the strike of the Longshoremen's Union, which has existed for a month.

Yesterday, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Wright motored aroud beautiful Lake Washington, and stopped in Bellevue to witness the strawberry festival, then drove on to Renton. No wonder Mr. and Mrs. Adams were out driving!

Mr. and Mrs. John Gerson were also away from their lovely country home a few miles south of Renton. The party investigated their ten-acre orchard of pie-cherries and filbert trees. While admiring the Gerson's wonderful variety of flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Partridge also arrived at the place for a short visit with the Gersons. They left their calling cards instead.

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### That Word "Quasimodo"

One of the correspondents of the DEAF MUTES' JOURNAL expresses his opinion that the name Quasimodo (famous in the movie "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," and now given to a race horse) is French for "semi-mute." A little research will serve to dispell this illusion. The following data are offered to readers of the JOURNAL.

In Victor Hugo's romance, Quasimodo is the name bestowed on the mishapen infant who was adopted by the priest of Notre Dame Cathedral. In the middle ages, foundlings were usually named after the saint on whose day they were adopted. In this case, the day was the Sunday after Easter, a day specially devoted to baptizing, and called Quasimodo Sunday from the first words—in Latin—of the Bible passage I Peter 2:2, *Quasi modo geniti infantes* ("After the manner of new-born babes.") The hunchback Quasimodo received his name long before his deafness, for it was not until his fourteenth year that his eardrums were destroyed by the ringing of the bells in Notre Dame.

\* The French for semi-mute is "sourd-parlant"—literally, deaf-speaking, or a deaf man who speaks. The Latin language had no term for this special class of deaf person, unless we take "surdus loquens," which was used in 1692 by John Conrad Amman, a pioneer educator of the deaf, and the probable father of oralism. In French and Latin it was easy to coin words of

exact definition for any purpose: two adjectives could be easily converted into a noun-phrase. In English, no better expression is available to take place of the clumsy "semi-mute," which means literally "half-dumb" or "partly mute"—a very inadequate description of the intelligent deaf man who can talk. "Semi-mute" and "quasi-mute" are, in fact, monstrosities of language comparable to the human monstrosity that Quasimodo was.

LINGUIST.

### A Rare Disease

Mrs. Juniper entered the doctor's office, dragging by the hand an overgrown boy of fourteen. She was excited and impatient; he was dogged and glum. "O doctor, he has lost his voice. He hasn't spoken a word for two days," she said.

The boy looked at her sullenly and suffered the doctor to hold his face up to the light.

"Open your mouth. H'm! Tongue all right?"

"Ya-ah."

"Hold your head up and let me look at your throat. Seems to be nothing the trouble there. Push your tongue out. Now pull it back. Feel all right?"

"Ya-ah."

"Why, Mrs. Juniper, there is nothing the matter with him," said the doctor, impatiently. "Boy, why don't you talk?"

"How can I when I ain't got anything to say?"

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12:00 noon "Writers Luncheon"  
2:00 P.M. Sightseeing Tour.  
8:00 P.M. New York by Night

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25th

9:30 A.M. Business Session.  
12:00 noon Gallaudet College Luncheon.  
2:00 P.M. and Evening, Trip to Coney Island, Shore Dinner, Steeplechase Park.

THURSDAY, JULY 26th

9:30 A.M. Business Session.  
12:00 noon, Group Photo  
2:00 P.M. View of Art Exhibit and Lecture. Bridge and Chess Tournaments.  
7:00 P.M. Banquet and Entertainment

FRIDAY, JULY 27th

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